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When the doctors involved in the Kremlin doctors' plot were first accused, one of the heroes in the case was a woman doctor who reportedly uncovered the doctors' plot and was awarded the Order of Lenin for her efforts.¹ She said that her suspicions were first aroused when she noticed that the ailing Zhdanov was not being given the proper medical treatment by the accused doctors. She reported this fact to Lt. Colonel Belov, the chief of Zhdanov's body guards

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When the doctors were arrested, Belov, who at that time was working in Stalingrad, heard of the woman's statement regarding him, and fled from Stalingrad, disappearing without a trace.

1. Comment. Dr. Lidiya Fedoseyevna Timashuk, according to Pravda of 21 January 1953, received the Order of Lenin for her assistance in unmasking the doctors' plot.

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